

ELK POINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Brian Gustafson, Administrator
Air Quality Program
SD DENR
523 East Capitol, Joe Foss Building
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Mr. Gustafson:

This purpose of this letter is to express the support of the Elk Point Economic Development Corporation (EP EDC) for the Hyperion Energy Center air permit application.

The EP EDC formally passed a Resolution of Welcome and Support for the Hyperion Energy Center in November 2007, a copy of which is enclosed. Please accept this letter as our formal comment requesting the DENR approve the air quality application filed by Hyperion. We truly believe this is a great project not only for southeast South Dakota but the entire state, region and our country.

We support the Hyperion Energy Center and request the DENR approve the air quality application because we the project will meet or exceed the environmental standards required by DENR and because Hyperion is committed to good corporate citizenship and community involvement. We realize the economic benefits this project will bring to our state, region and nation including thousands of new jobs, new tax revenues and tremendous growth. We support the project as it allows South Dakota to take a leadership role in helping our country become less dependent on foreign oil.

Thank you for reviewing our comments.

Sincerely,



Dawn Glover
Executive Director
Elk Point Economic Development Corporation

**ELK POINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
RESOLUTION OF WELCOME AND SUPPORT FOR HYPERION
ENERGY CENTER**

WHEREAS, Hyperion Energy Center has announced plans to build the most environmentally sound, state-of-the art, green energy center in the United States, including the first oil refinery built in this country since 1976, and;

WHEREAS, Hyperion Energy Center will help to enhance American's petroleum independence by processing North American crude oil here in North American, will enhance our nation's petroleum refining capacity, and will raise the standard for the entire petroleum industry, and;

WHEREAS, the facilities associated with Hyperion Energy Center will be designed to ensure optimal production efficiency with minimal impact on the environment, and;

WHEREAS, the Hyperion Energy Center project will be constructed and operated in a manner that meets or exceeds all applicable regulatory and environmental rules, regulations, permits, guidelines, and approvals, and;

WHEREAS, Hyperion Energy Center is committed to environmental stewardship and a green charter, and;

WHEREAS, Hyperion Energy Center is committed to outstanding corporate citizenship and community involvement, and;

WHEREAS, Hyperion Energy Center has identified an area in Union County, South Dakota, as a site of significant interest for their proposed project, and;

WHEREAS, this proposed project is consistent with the purpose of the Elk Point Economic Development Corporation to "promote, stimulate and expand economic, commercial, industrial and residential growth and to assist persons, firms, corporations and governmental bodies and agencies to accomplish these goals and objectives".

WHEREAS, The Elk Point Economic Development Corporation recognizes the significant economic development and growth opportunities associated with this proposed project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Elk Point Economic Development Corporation welcomes and supports Hyperion Energy Center and looks forward to continue working with Hyperion, state and other local officials, and area residents to advance this project.

Dated at Elk Point, South Dakota, this 9th day of November 2007.

Signed by the Board of Directors of the Elk Point Economic Development Corporation:

By: Bruce Odson Bruce Odson, President

By: Andrew Winborn Andrew Winborn, Vice President

By: Kim McLaury Kim McLaury, Treasurer

By: Patricia Curry Patricia Curry, Secretary

By: Dawn Glover Dawn Glover, Executive Director

By: Joyce Bortscheller Joyce Bortscheller, Board member at Large

By: Jay Frink Jay Frink, Board member at Large